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REMARKS

Claim 17 through 19 have been canceled and the claims 6-8, 11-12 and 15 have been amended to correct their dependency and, further, to define more precisely the scope of the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by the aforementioned amendment. Early and favorable examination is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE CLAIMS:**

6. (Amended) An accessory as claimed in [anyone of the preceding claims] claim 1, in which the removeable closure is connected to the inlet end portion by a zone of weakness to facilitate separation of the closure from the inlet end portion.

7. (Amended) An accessory as claimed in [anyone of the preceding claims] claim 1, in which the end portion has a plurality of openings defined therein to permit drainage of excess water collected about the inlet end portion.

8. (Amended) An accessory as claimed in [anyone of the preceding claims] claim 1, which includes a grate member that is received in the inlet end portion, once the closure has been removed.

11. (Amended) An [The] accessory as claimed in [anyone of the preceding claims] claim 1, which is of a plastics material.

12. (Amended) An [The] accessory as claimed in [anyone of the preceding claims] claim 1, which includes a sealing member having a flange portion and a body portion, the body portion defining a passage in which the conduit is received and the flange portion being positioned to extend radially from the conduit when the conduit is received in the passage, the conduit and the body portion being attachable to a drain pipe positioned in a substructure, with the flange portion overlying an upper surface of the substructure.

15. (Amended) A kit as claimed in claim 14, [which] wherein the kit includes [the] an accessory for use in construction [as claimed in anyone of claims 1 to 13, inclusive], said accessory comprising a conduit that has an inlet end portion and an outlet end portion, the outlet

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end portion being mountable on a drainage pipe so that the conduit and the drainage pipe are in fluid communication with each other; and a removable closure member which is mounted on the inlet end portion to close the conduit when not in use so that the ingress of detritus into the drainage pipe is inhibited.